(b) Out of 34 cases registered in the year 2002-2003, 4 cases have been registered against the manufacturers located in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The status of the cases of misuse of ISI mark registered in Andhra Pradesh as follows:—

Number of cases in which prosecution has been launched by BIS	One
Number of cases in which prosecution has been launched by Police	One
Number of cases being processed for closure.	Two

Payment of sugarcane growers

†1227. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government so far to help sugarcane growers in getting their payments and the number of farmers who have been helped in getting their payments during the last three months;

(b) what is the outstanding amount of sugarcane growers against sugar mills and by when sugarcane growers would be able to get their payments;

(c) whether it is a fact that sugarcane growers are not paid with the interest by sugar mills on their outstanding dues; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A Buffer Stock of 20 lakh tonnes of sugar has been created in December, 2002 for a period of one year, involving an outgo of Rs. 412 crores from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF). An additional amount of Rs. 374 crores is to be released by Banks on account of the Buffer Stock. Thus, about Rs. 786 crore will be used exclusively for payment of cane price dues to sugarcane growers for which the required legal rules are already in place. The total outstanding amount of cane price dues, in respect of the 2002-2003 sugar season, is about Rs. 3204 crores (as on 15.5.2003).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The responsibility to ensure that the sugarcane growers receive the due cane price payment is that of the State Governments. In November, 2000, the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 was amended to confer powers on the State Governments to recover the cane price arrears (including interest) as arrears of land revenues. The State Governments may use their powers to ensure payment of cane price dues (including interest) to the sugarcane growers, subject to Court orders, if any.

Distribution of foodgrains to States

1228. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVEN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Rice and Wheat procured for the Central Pool during the last three years separately;

(b) the quantum of Rice and Wheat distributed to States during this period separately, State-wise, each year; and

(c) in what manner the surplus foodgrains is disposed each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The quantities of rice and wheat procured during the last three years are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Year	Rice	Wheat
2000-01	212.80	163.55
2001-02	221.29	206.30
2002-03*	160.30	190.24
2003-04*		158.02

*As on 28.7.2003.

(b) State-wise allotment and offtake of wheat and rice during the last three years under the different schemes are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 199, Annexure No. 7].